

World Affairs

The Germans have made the expected advances in Russia the past week but they have won no great victories. The Russians have fought with an unending ferocity which matches the Germans' warfare tactics. Hitler will be very lucky to get out of Russia in any shape to meet England and her growing power on land and sea and in the air.

In the Far East Japan received a shock when the Reds not only slowed down the Hitlerites but cut to pieces unconquerable and irreplaceable German divisions.

The growing anger of the U. S. which put into effect a very real blockade has brought the war home to Japan. Even the man on the street in Japan knows all is not right and that his leaders are very near to bringing down on his head vast showers of real bombs which will make shambles of every war manufacturing establishment on Japan. The Reds are ready to fly now and whether they are effective or not Hitler can tell one.

A large part of the English navy is near to Japan and almost all of the U. S. fleet also. And it is a particularly bad time to start any war for Japan because it would be mere suicide.

The American defense effort is well under way and it means that within a year or so we will have a navy big enough to take on all other navies. The conviction that we shall emerge from this war the greatest power on land or sea cannot be ignored and suppressed much longer in lands under the dictators and when it is universally known Nazism indeed fold up.

American arms are not only going to American troops but the English plane that blasts a German arms factory or warship high into the sky may be fresh from an American plane plant. This the German population has begun to realize and to have the mighty Republic of the West the land of plenty in the war that far presages defeat to the Germans for they remember the last war. When everything was lovely the "dumb" Americans stepped in and before Germany was aware of it the detested industrialists and dollar chasers had sent vaster and undreamed amounts of what wins wars to Europe.

America is doing that again today and in even more ways has portoken of the strife. In fear the Germans dropped all invasion of England plans and today fear to make any pass at Europe's West coast because it is essential American security the opposite coast of the Atlantic be in friendly hands.

Thus today the world situation is more favorable than last week. Attempts to appease Japan have been abandoned with the unexpressed declaration that she can do as she pleases but if she steps on our toes it means war right then and there and that when she expects us to sell her the wherewithal to wage a war on us later she is expecting a bit too much and to emphasize the point we do not need very badly anything she has to sell.

Thus we see that the outlook for international banditry and treaty-junking when the hour comes is not at all bright—another way of saying the Axis faces actual defeat. This is only proper fate for a coalition to enslave mankind partly by war but mostly by stabblings in the back. Dishonorable and ungodly tactics have a habit of recoiling

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BSTC Starts 47th Year Of Service September 8

W. Va State Enters 51st Year Sept. 15

President John W. Davis announced the inauguration of an extension of the W. Va. State college service plan, introduced several years ago for the special training of students in vocational skills without the necessity of pursuing the usual academic requirements. The idea has been augmented to include but to entail an apprenticeship which will enable the student to enter the labor market and make a living.

Under the supervision of Acting Director Frederick J. Lacy, of the Trade and Technical division and with a cooperating committee, opportunity will be given apprentices to spend from one to two years in intensive practice with a minimum of theory in the technical skills.

Heavy Storm Hits McDowell

Tuesday night a very heavy rain storm hit our end of the county accompanied by the most brilliant display of lightning of the year. No damage was done. Tuesdays appear to be the favorite day for rainstorms in McDowell. The past six Tuesdays have brought rain.

Along Elm Street

Greensboro, North Carolina

Capain D. J. Gilmer
Patient at U. S. Veterans' hosp.
Columbia, South Carolina

There are people who are anxious for holy signs of approaching death or misfortune or God's blessings. There is a case here where a man came in and said to another man here in the hospital last Saturday. I quote: "I want to see my mother; she is on my mind. I did everything for her that I knew that she needed. I wish that she was here to share my little wealth. She did so much for me."

This was last Saturday—a week from this Saturday August 30th.

What is the story? Sadly it is this: Today, Saturday August 30, that loving son is dead—died today. Did he have a warning from heaven that he was facing immediate death? Does God warn us? Only last Saturday he came here—a World War veteran, sick. Today he is dead. He joins his mother in that immortal caravan of "Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return"

ing in the face of those who employ them.

The British Yard
The British yard originally was defined as the length of the arm of King Henry I, by royal decree.

The gateway to the campus of Bluefield State Teachers college will swing wide open on Monday, September 8, when students from all over the state of West Virginia and surrounding states will trek through for the beginning of the first semester of the 1941-42 academic year.

This will mark the 47th milestone in the history of progressive educational service rendered by the institution to the citizenry of West Virginia. The administration has sent out a call to the faculty to be on hand for meeting Saturday, September 6 at 10:00 a. m. Final plans for the opening of school will be completed at this faculty session.

Large Enrollment Expected

According to the number of applications for admission in the registrar's office some 200 freshmen are expected to matriculate in the first year class. This number will represent an increase of 50 more than were represented in last year's class of 150. The majority of upperclassmen have sent in for room reservations in the dormitories. With the usually expected 90 per cent of upperclassmen back in the fold and the record number of freshmen, the total enrollment for the college will no doubt hit an all-time high of 425 students.

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NEGRO WOMAN ELECTED TO RIVERSIDE BOARD



NEW YORK (TYP) — Mrs. Malvin Proctor, above, of Yonkers, New York was last week elected to the Board of Trustees of the Colored Orphan Asylum in Riverside, TYP News Syndicate learned in an exclusive interview Mrs. Willard Parker, First District, announced that Mrs. Proctor is the third Negro to be so honored.

West Virginia State College Opening September 15

The Fifty-first session of the West Virginia State College will open with the orientation program and classification of new students September 15 and 16. September 17 will be devoted to the registration and classification of old students. Classes begin Thursday, September 18.

The registrar's office announces a heavy enrollment in spite of the heavy drain upon young

Bluefield State's Capable President



Dr. H. L. Dickason

President H. L. Dickason begins his sixth year at the helm of the rapidly growing Bluefield State Teachers college. More progress has been made by the institution during his short regime than at any time in the college history. He will welcome some 200 freshmen to the college campus on Monday, Sept. 8. This will be the largest first year class in several years.

Japan Undergoing Internal Woes Over Future Policy

According to reports coming from Japanese sources there is a big and vital upheaval now in process in Japan. It concerns the way out of the mess that the warlords have gotten Japan.

With her import and export business practically at a standstill economic disaster is staring her in the face. Japan must import much of what she needs and practically all of her manufactures are for export.

The spot the Nipponese have placed themselves is most bad. Their partner, Adolph Hitler, is urging them to attack the U. S. and England, and the U. S. and England are waiting for the attack if and when it comes.

A powerful portion of the people know very well that for Japan to start a war on the U. S. and or England amounts to but sheer suicide. There is the alternative of attacking Russia, an almost equally dangerous job. Only other alternative is for Japan to sever its Axis ties and make up with the U. S.

The U. S. is not at all anxious to make up with Japan and our government regards overtures of the present Japanese government with a most fishy eye, thus making the job difficult for the Nipponese saber-rattlers.

Put Bubbles Into Wine
Dom Pierre Cordon, a Benedictine monk in the Abbey of Hautvilliers, France, discovered the process of putting the bubbles in the wine of that region more than 25 years ago.

men caused by the draft. Dormitory space is already practically taken.

RANDY TAYLOR NAMED BIG BLUE COACH

C. Randolph Taylor, better known as "Randy," was appointed as head coach and instructor in physical education and biological subjects at Bluefield State Teachers college to succeed Jimmie Rowland who was recently named head coach of the Howard university football team. Coach Taylor will arrive in Bluefield tonight to begin a general check-up on his new duties with a view toward preparation for football practice to start the early part of the week.

Taylor, a native of New York is a graduate of Tufts college. He holds the masters degree from Ohio State university and has done considerable work toward the completion of the residence requirement for the Ph. D. degree.

While at Tufts college Coach Taylor participated in three major sports: football, basketball and track. He was an All-New England football half-back during one year of competition. He won the New England Outdoor Interscholastic sprint championship. In all, he won 9 varsity letters in these major sports.

Coach Randy Taylor comes to Bluefield State as mentor of the Big Blue athletic teams with 12 years of collegiate athletic coaching experience behind him. He has coached such teams as J. C. Smith university, Talladega college, and for the last five years, the Tillotson College Eagles of Austin, Texas. Last year, Coach Taylor's Tillotson college football squad won the Bi-State Athletic Conference championship with a record of

W. Va. State Aero Class Finishes Flying Work

INSTITUTE, W. Va. — The Civilian Pilot Training program for the summer session at West Virginia State college was completed Tuesday September 2, at which time the examination were given by the Inspector of Civil Aeronautics Administration. All students were given 7 hours of ground schooling including Air Regulations, Aerial Navigation, Meteorology. Those completing the course are: Robert Chambliss, Edwin Crumrine, Daniel Ferguson, Howard Gamble, Emmett Saunders, George Smith, Clayton Stephens, Arthur Thompson and James Brooks.

Registration for the first semester of the regular session will be commenced immediately. In order to be eligible for Civil Aeronautics you must be an American citizen and a college student in good physical condition according to CPT standards.

Tallest Cornstalk Contest Uncovers No Really Tall Stalk

The tallest stalk of corn grown in West Virginia this season is not very tall, if one accepts records filed to date in the 1941 Tall Corn contest, sponsored by the state department of agriculture. The contest has the serious purpose of directing attention to the state's large farm industry. September 10th is the closing date of the contest and unless some really tall stalks are entered before that date the prize money will go to some pretty short stalks. The prizes are in cash, ranging from \$25 for first tallest down to \$5 for fifth.

McDowell county grows lots of corn and some bright boys might make \$25 by surveying his surrounding neighborhood corn patches and discovering a plant near 20 feet and taking the WHOLE plant neatly folded to the county agent, whoever he might be in this great coal field region—we don't know.

First to Install Gas
Baltimore, the first American city to install gas, succumbed to the inevitable in 1821, after much opposition. As late as 1833 a petition to the Philadelphia common council warned against gas as "ignitable as gunpowder and as nearly fatal in its effects as regards the large destruction of property."

six wins out of seven games. Prairie View was the team that spoiled what would have been a perfect season for the Tillotson team.

The Big Blue's new coach has two other football championships to his credit. His J. C. Smith Bulls won a championship in 1924 as did this Tongalo college (Miss.) team in 1931. The record books also show that Coach Taylor has one champion basketball team to his credit.

Press reports state that Randy Taylor has done a good job at Tillotson college. He has also been highly recommended by the administrative officials of Tillotson college and the entire press of the southwestern area.

Further Protests Of Treatment of Soldiers Are Made

NEW YORK. — Civilian Defense administrator Fiorella H. LaGuardia has received requests that the President instruct the army to issue a directive abolishing all racial segregation in army camps and other places in control of the army; that Negro military policemen be placed on equal footing and equipped as are all other military police; that orders be issued assuring protection for Negro troops stationed in southern areas and that law enforcement agencies should attend the illegal actions of state police and peace officers at Gurlon, Arkansas.

Mr. LaGuardia received the requests from the NAACP along with four affidavits from members of the 94th Engineers division stationed at Camp Robinson Arkansas, who went AWOL rather than submit to intimidation by state policemen and civilians there.

The affidavits were made after the protest mass meeting held in Detroit by the local branch NAACP last Sunday. The four men had made their way back to Michigan by hitch-hiking and riding freight cars, and their sworn statements underscored the vile treatment to which they were subjected.

The men testified that not only were colored troops forced off the highway at machine-gun point by bands of whites, but their commanding officers were insulted and one white lieutenant, Donald Curry, was slapped by a patrolman. Protesting against the imperious demands of the southerners to "get those damn niggers off the highway" the white officers were called "nigger lovers" and "damn Yankees."

The NAACP palced the responsibility for race clashes in and around military camps on the government's policy of segregation. It stated that the episodes in Arkansas and North Carolina are the direct outgrowth of the philosophy of the War Department which caters to southern segregation tradition. The NAACP emphasized the imperative need for a change in this philosophy.

The basic fact, the Association said, is "that the army has apparently not decided what it intends to do in utilizing Negro soldiers. It would appear that the present plan is to assign most if not all Negro troops to labor battalions. Practically none of the Negro units are as yet parts of the army divisions. It would appear to be imperative that the army make up its mind definitely as to whether or not it is going to use Negro troops on the same basis as other troops or to excuse Negro from military service."

Truckload of Soldiers Wrecked On Gauley Mountain; 3 Dead

A truck load of draftees on their way to a Virginia army camp from their homes in the mid-west was wrecked on U. S. 60 near Hawksnest Sunday night when the driver lost control and was unable to make a turn.

Three were killed and 18 more or less injured.

Cause of the accident was that the driver of the hired truck was going too fast on a strange road in the effort to arrive at his journey's end before the military camp deadline. The driver was jailed on a manslaughter charge.